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Blades and Company Store  
16-18 North Washington Street  
Easton, Maryland 21601

T-405 and T-406  
C1900

Simple commercial buildings of about 1900, the brick structures now occupied by Blades and Company have a flat facade of orange brick and a cast iron cornice with brackets and corner blocks. Pilasters and inset panels with molded brick detailing further enliven the facade. The buildings are a pleasant compliment to the Federal period structures on the block.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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T 405 (16)  
T 406 (18)

Town of Easton

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Blades and Company Store

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

16-18 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

— DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

— STRUCTURE

— SITE

— OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

— PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

— BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

— IN PROCESS

— BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

— UNOCCUPIED

— WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

— YES: RESTRICTED

☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED

— NO

#### PRESENT USE

— AGRICULTURE

— MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

— PARK

— EDUCATIONAL

— PRIVATE RESIDENCE

— ENTERTAINMENT

— RELIGIOUS

— GOVERNMENT

— SCIENTIFIC

— INDUSTRIAL

— TRANSPORTATION

— MILITARY

— OTHER

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Jackson C. Sewell

301-822-1298 (Home)

Telephone #: 301-822-0810 (Store)

STREET & NUMBER

611 Elwood Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 489

Folio #: 278

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Numbers 18 and 16 North Washington Street are two brick late nineteenth century stores which are now connected and used as one. Each building is of two bays and two floors with a roof which slopes toward the rear. The buildings are identical. There is a modern addition on the rear of #14.

The facade is of warm orange brick laid in common bond with crisp white mortar lines. There is a flat marble belt course running flush with the brick face at the sill line of the second floor windows. At the corners of each building is a pilaster which is a shaft of brick set out from the face of the building; at the level of the second floor window lintel, they are decorated by a flat unmolded course of marble. The frieze of these buildings is a band of raised brick with inset panels of brick boardered with molded brick in the egg-and-tongue pattern. Above the brick frieze are ornamental bands of brick, one of which has an inscribed chain pattern. The cornice is cast iron with projecting corner blocks decorated with fleur de lis and arabesque. The cornice brackets are decorated in stylized floral patterns and on the panels between the five brackets are fan and floral designs. The cornice above the first floor store windows is also cast iron; its simple console - like brackets support the cove molding above.

Windows which are one over one have segmented arches of long, narrow Roman brick and sills which are indicated as the projecting portions of the belt course. A second horizontal line appears at the midpoint (stile) of the windows as a course of inset brick between the windows and links of the chain motif on the pilasters. These brick devices as well as the cornice emphasize the horizontal and unify the two buildings.

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

C 1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although very simple, these buildings are examples of the type of commercial building constructed in Easton around 1900. They maintain the street wall across from the Talbot County Court House and are a pleasant compliment in both scale and decoration to the earlier Federal buildings on the block. Flat buildings with a bracketed cornice, their present store front is not incompatible for it too is flat and has a bracketed cornice at the second floor line. The original store front would probably have had large glass windows with cast iron detailing, similar to that on # 25 South Washington Street (T-411).

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L186/F486

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The property was the middle of the three brick store/houses as described in 1801. Patrick McNeal occupied the premises in 1813. James McNeal sold his inheritance in 1865 to Charles Robinson and it was devised to his daughters, Emma Covington and Ella Bell Robinson. J. Harry Covington acquired both interests and sold the store to the Shannahan and Wrightson Co. in 1920. This company sold the interest in 1925 to Morris Simon and his wife. Mr. Simon turned his ownership over in 1927 to Harry Hollis and Elmer Blades, as tenants in common. Harry Hollis became the sole owner and the Trustees of his estate passed the title to James Carmine. A half-interest in the property is now owned by Jackson C. Sewell.

\*\* These buildings do not appear in a 1898 photograph in Land of Legendary Lore (Prentiss Ingraham, Easton, MD 21601). They are shown in photograph taken soon after the turn of the century, however.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

NA

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Historic Easton, Incorporated

DATE

August 12, 1976

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 1171TELEPHONE Mr. Paul Parsons,  
301-822-2706 President

CITY OR TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601

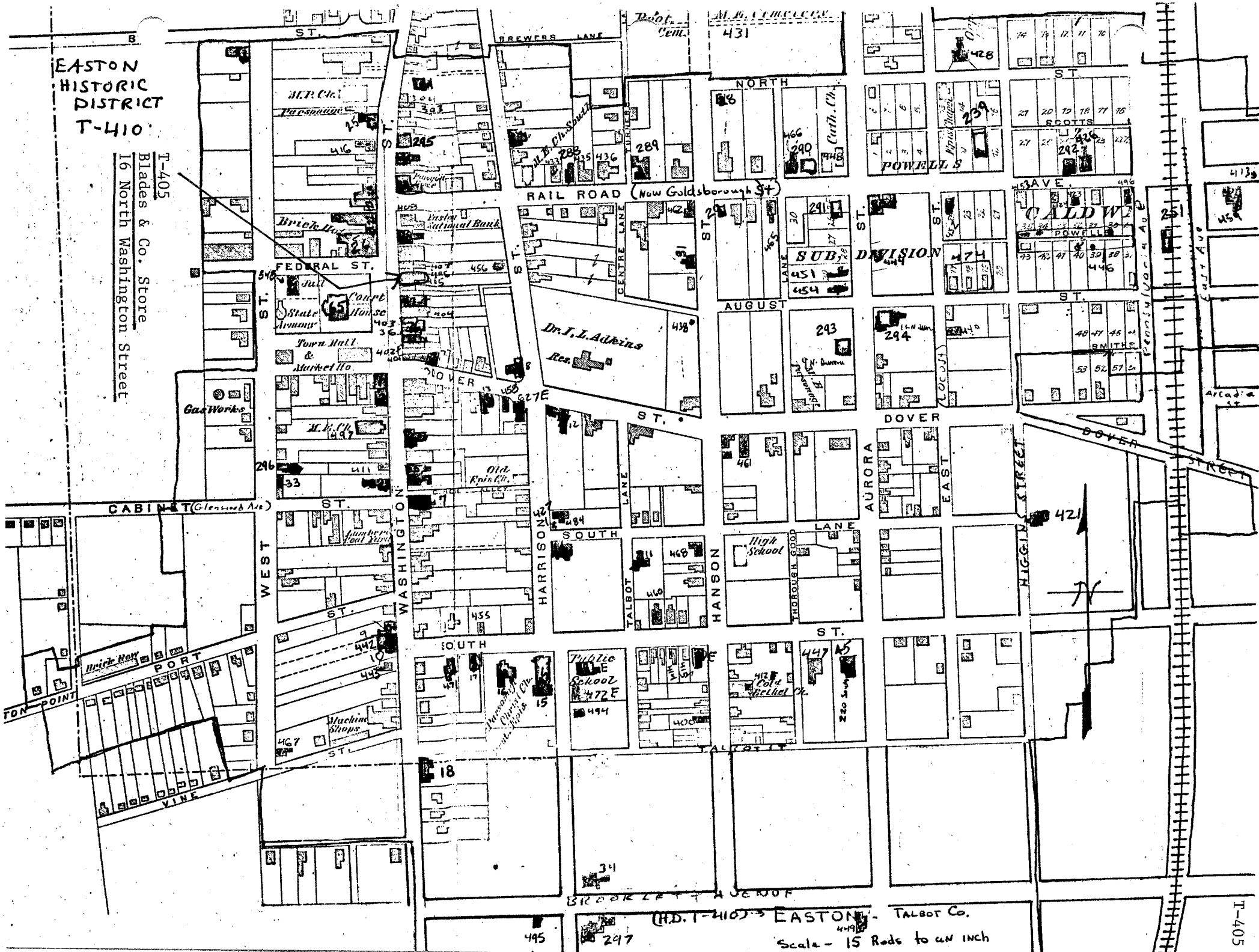
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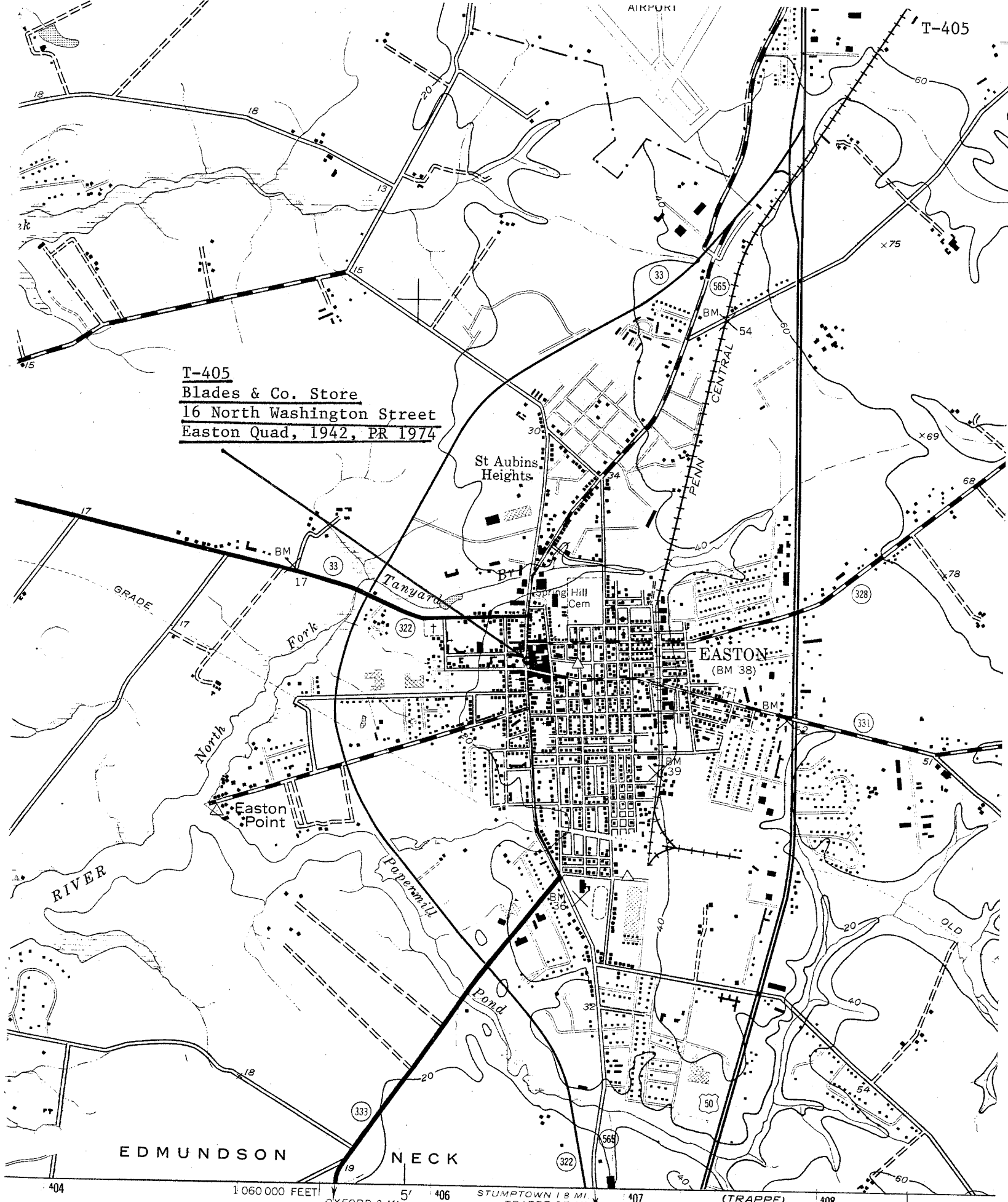
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T-410**

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Blades & Co. Store  
16 North Washington Street



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North

Easton Point

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Papermill

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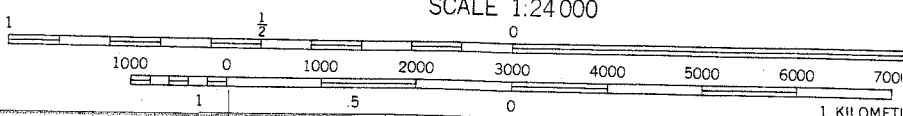
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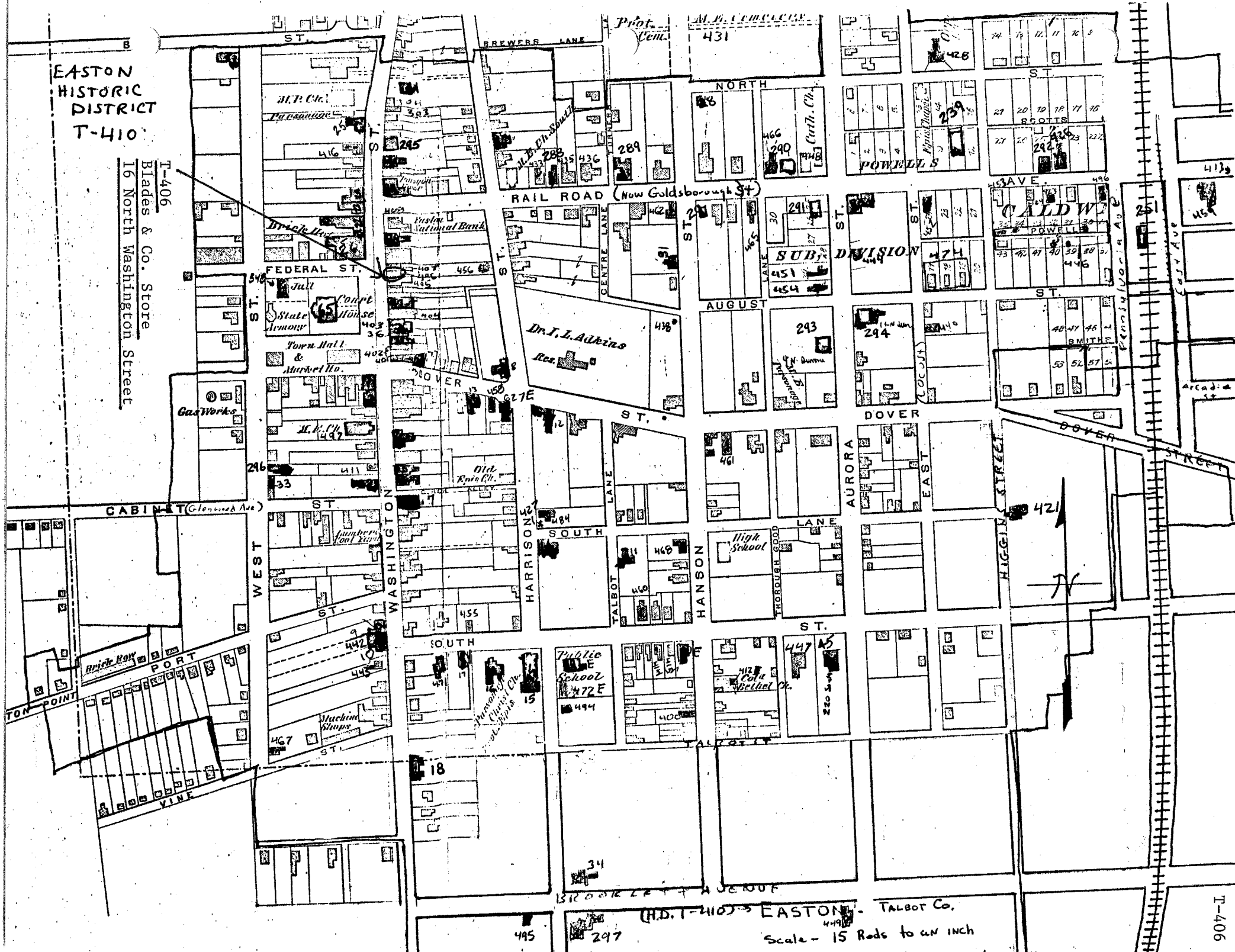
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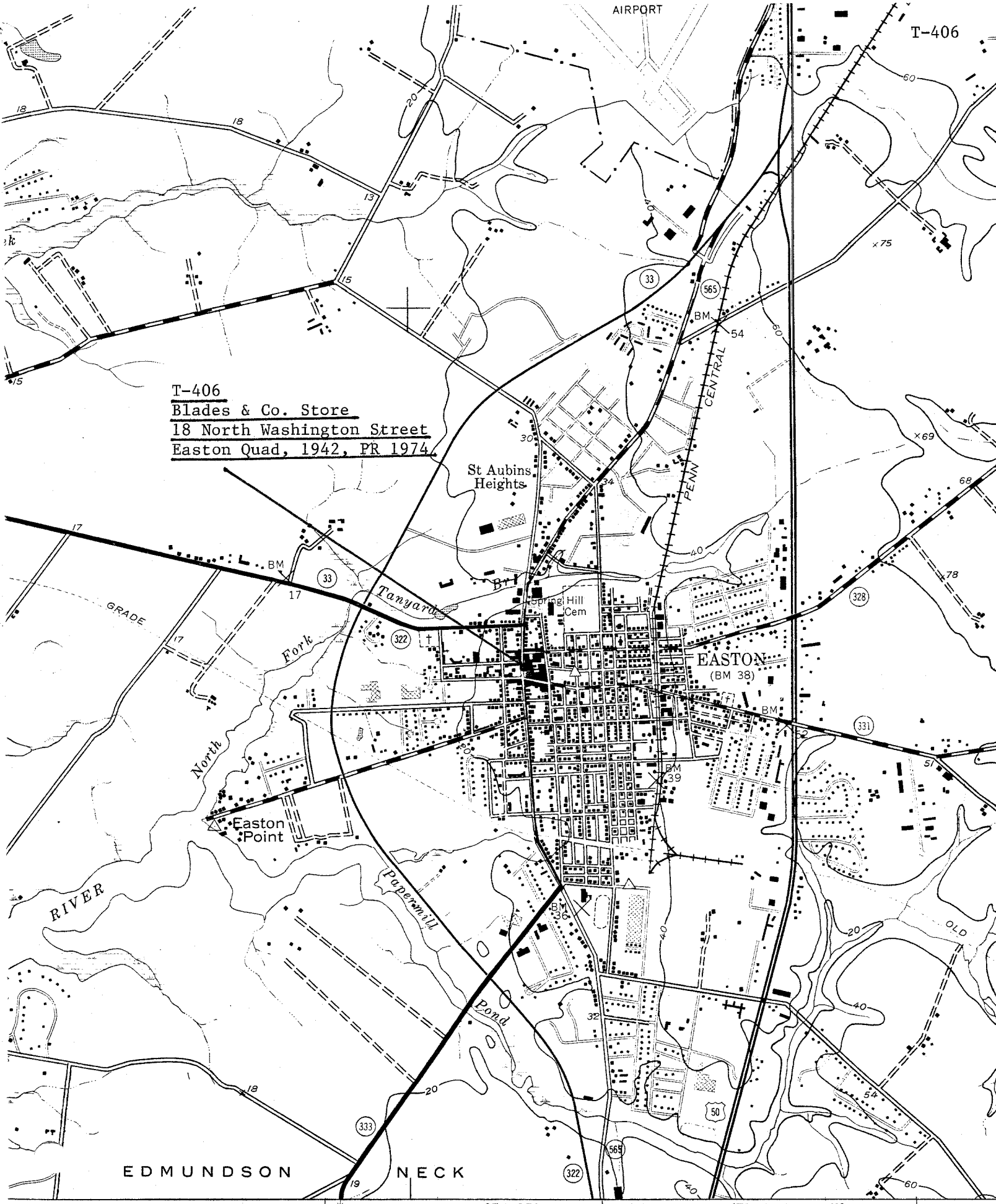
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Blades & Co. Store  
18 North Washington Street  
Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974.

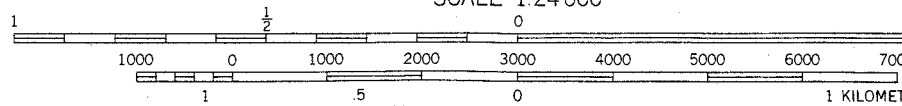


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